

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463.

Kevin M. Madden, Treasurer
National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors Political Action Committee
2901 Telestar Court
Falls Church, VA 22042

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Identification Number:

C00005249

Reference:

Amended April Monthly Report (3/1/01-3/31/01), received 9/19/01

Dear Mr. Madden:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-Commission Regulations require that a committee disclose the identification of all individuals who contribute in excess of \$200 in a calendar year. (11 CFR §104.3(a)(4)(i)) Identification for an individual is defined as the full name, mailing address, occupation and name of employer. (11 CFR §100.12) Your report discloses contributions from individuals for which the identification is not complete.

You must provide the missing information, or if you are unable to do so, you must demonstrate that "best efforts" have been used to obtain the information. To establish "best efforts," you must provide the Commission with a detailed description of your procedures for requesting the information. Establishing "best efforts" is a three-fold process.

First, your original solicitation must include a clear and conspicuous request for the contributor information and must inform the contributor of the requirements of federal law for the reporting of such information. (11 CFR §104.7(b)(1))

Second, if the information is not provided, you must make one follow-up, stand alone effort to obtain this information, regardless of whether the

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contribution(s) was solicited or not. This effort must occur no later than 30 days after receipt of the contribution and may be in the form of a written request or an oral request documented in writing. (11 CFR § 104.7(b)(2)) The request must:

- clearly ask for the missing information, without soliciting a contribution;
- inform the contributor of the requirements of federal law for the reporting of such information, and
- if the request is written, include a pre-addressed post card or return envelope.

Third, if you receive contributor information after the contribution(s) has been reported, you shall either a) file with your next regularly scheduled report, an amended memo Schedule A listing all the contributions for which additional information was received; or b) file on or before your next regularly scheduled reporting date, amendments to the report(s) originally disclosing the contribution(s). (11 CFR §104.7(b)(4))

Please provide the missing information or a detailed description of your procedures for requesting the information. For more information on demonstrating "best efforts," please refer to the Campaign Guide.

-The outstanding balance of a debt owed to a creditor at the close of one report should be exactly the same as the beginning outstanding balance of the next report. The Amended March Monthly Report, received 9/19/01 shows an ending balance to the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors of \$59,399.44, while this report shows a beginning balance of \$53,999.44. Please amend your report to clarify this discrepancy.

-Schedule B of your report (pertinent portion(s) attached) discloses one or more contributions which appear to exceed the limits set forth in the Act. 2 U.S.C. §441a(a) prohibits a multicandidate committee and its affiliates from making a contribution to a candidate for federal office in excess of \$5,000 per election.

If any apparently excessive contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with clarifying information.

If any contribution you made exceeds the limits, you must request a refund

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of the excessive amount or provide a written authorization for a redesignation of the contribution pursuant to 11 CFR §110.2(b) within 60 days of the treasurer's receipt.

If the foregoing conditions for redesignations were not met within 60 days of the treasurer's receipt, your committee must obtain a refund of the excessive amount.

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of the refund or redesignation request sent to the recipient committee(s). In addition, any refunds should be disclosed on Schedule A supporting Line 16 of the report covering the period during which they are received. Any redesignations should be disclosed as memoentries on Schedule B supporting Line 23 of the report covering the period during which the redesignation is made. 11 CFR §110.1(b)

Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding the excessive contribution(s), your prompt action in obtaining a refund and/or redesignating the contribution(s) will be taken into consideration.

-Schedule A supporting Line 11(a)(i) of your report discloses contributions received through what appears to be a payroll deduction plan. Please amend your report to disclose the amount deducted per pay period. 11 CFR §104.8(b) Please refer to the enclosed sample of properly reported payroll deductions.

A response or amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. Electronic filers must file amendments in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division). My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,

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Categorizing Receipts

Before beginning to itemize the committee's receipts, separate them into the different categories listed on the Detailed Summary Page ("Contributions from Individuals," "Contributions from Political Committees," etc.; an illustration of a completed Detailed Summary Page appears on pages 54-55). The receipts in each category must be itemized on a separate Schedule A designated for that category.

indicate the type of receipt itemized on a particular Schedule A by ichecking the box for the corresponding line number from the Detailed Summary Page where indicated in the upper right comerof the schedule. The appropriate catagory of receipt may also be written at the top of each page.

Some categories may require several pages. The total for each category should be entered on the bottom line of the last page for that category.

Itemized information

For each itemized contribution, provide:

- The full name and address (including) zip code) of the contributor or other source:
- The name of the contributor's employer. (if the contributor is an individual):

- The contributor's occupation (if the conbibutor is an individual):
- The date of receipt;
- The amount; and
- The aggregate year-to-date total of all receipts (within the same category) from the same source. 104.3(2)(3). The space indicating the election for which an itemized contribution was made ("Receipt For") does not apply to SSFs; leave those boxes blank.

Special "Employer" information If a contributor is self-amployed, that should be recorded in the Employer apace. If a contributor is not employed, the Employer space should be left blank. but the Occupation space should always be completed (e.g., "unemployed," "retired, "homemaker").

Best Efforts Required Note that committees and their treasurers must use "best efforts" to obtain and report the information listed above. See page 36 for more information.

Payroll Deductions

Once an individual's deductions aggregate over \$200 in a calendar year, report the total amount deducted from the denor's paychecks during the reporting period on Schedule A. In parentheses indicate the emount that was deducted each pay period. Instead of stating a spe-प्यांट date of receipt, type "payroli deduction" under "Date." The other itemized information, including the year-to-date total, must be completed for each donor. 104.8(b).

EXAMPLE: During an election year, a corporate manager authorizes her emplayer to deduct \$15 per pay period (each pay period is two weeks) for the company's SSF. The SSF, which files FEC reports on a quarterly schedule, incfudes the manager's first-quarter contribullans (\$90 for six pay perfods) as "unitemizad contributions" on Line 11(a)(ii) in the April quarterly report.

By June 30 (the closing date for the July quarterly report], 13 pay periods have passed, and the manager's aggregate contributions are \$195—atili balow. the \$200 itemization threshold. The manager's second-quarter contributions. again are included in funitemized contributions" in the July report,

By September 30 (the closing date for the October quarterly report), 19 pay periods have passed, and the manager's contributions reach \$285. Now the committee itemizes the total contributions received from the manager during the third quarter (\$90), providing the year-to-date total in the appropriate space. (See item A in the illustration above.)

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